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## FACT SHEET

### **CITY, SDSU TAKE STEPS TO CURB “MINI-DORM” PROBLEMS**

*Police can now issue \$1,000 citations; SDSU set to hire code enforcement officer*

Mayor Jerry Sanders, Councilmember Jim Madaffer and SDSU President Stephen Weber today announced substantive steps that will be taken by the City and SDSU as part of the on-going effort to alleviate the problems associated with nuisance rental properties known as “mini dorms” located in the College Area around San Diego State University.

#### **HISTORY:**

**Residents of the College Area for years have struggled with excessive noise and parties, parking shortages and trashed properties associated with rental properties near SDSU.**

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT CREATES PILOT PROGRAM**

**The Mid-City Division of the San Diego Police Department, which includes the College Area, has proposed a pilot program to allow police officers to issue Administrative Citations as an enforcement tool.**

- This gives police officers the ability to fine persons who create disturbances \$1,000.
- The City’s Neighborhood Code Compliance Division will send a citation to the property owner each time a tenant causes or contributes to such disturbances.
- Owners will now become more involved with the enforcement process which should reduce persistent problem properties.

## **SDSU To Hire Code Enforcement Representative**

**San Diego State University is partnering with the City of San Diego to hire a Code Enforcement Representative.**

This representative will:

- identify and issue letters or citations for property maintenance issues and code violations in the College Area
- deliver citations to the City
- attend appeal hearings
- meet with the College Area Community Council and the Neighborhood Code Compliance Division monthly

**Anticipated hiring date:** Within the next 30 days.

Additionally, San Diego State University has already:

- pursued plans to provide more student housing on campus
- assigned officers to match the volume of activity, and will typically increase the number of officers on duty from Thursday evenings through Saturday evenings (a minimum of six officers are on duty for these nights)
- stationed university police at the trolley station, special events, as well as had them conduct special investigations and makecourt appearances
- used university police to patrol the surrounding neighborhoods and participate in joint-enforcement actions with SDPD and other public safety agencies to curb illegal or inappropriate behavior
- instituted the “Good Neighbor” program, which has students patrol surrounding neighborhoods to help diffuse potential noise or other problems between students and neighboring residents
- expanded the jurisdiction of the Student Code of Conduct, pursuant to a recent CSU Trustee policy, to certain areas adjacent to the campus